



## Phyllis Marie Rutkowski

September 6, 1935 - May 2, 2020

Phyllis Marie Rutkowski passed away at the age of 84, on May 2, 2020. She was born on September 6, 1935 to Stanley and Victoria (Froncek) Belaski in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Beloved wife of the late Edward Rutkowski. Loving mother of Cynthia (Joseph) Koselansky, Linda (Daniel) Hodor, Pamela (Victor) Ferrini, Kimberly (Douglas) Schepke, Lori Conklin and the late Edward (Gail) Rutkowski. Proud and loving grandmother of Chris, Eric, Kaitlin, Laura (Daniel), Amanda (Dennis), Evin (Sarah), Nina, Kyle, Alexander, Rachel, Matthew and Noah. Proud great grandmother of Theodore, Noah and Brynn. Predeceased by her 10 brothers and sisters.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.wasikfuneralhome.com](http://www.wasikfuneralhome.com)

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## **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**

17100 Van Dyke St

Detroit, MI,

# Comments

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“ I'll never forget the first time I met Grandma Rutkowski! She was at her apartment watching the Red Wings. My first thought to myself was, "wow Amanda has an awesome Grandma, she loves hockey and so do I". She was really a wonderful person to speak with. She will be missed, but never forgotten as her spirit lives on through the entire family.

**Dennis** - May 08 at 08:28 PM



“ Grandma loved you like her own nephew. We are so lucky to have you in our family. Love, Aunt Cindy

**Cindy Koselansky** - May 08 at 10:30 PM



“ Dennis, Grandma was very blessed to welcome you as her grandson into the family as we are all blessed to have you as part of us. We were so happy to have Grandma attend such important events for you and Amanda, especially your college graduation party, wedding shower and wedding, and also your first Christmas in your first house. Thank you for writing such a beautiful memory of meeting Grandma.

**Linda Hodor** - May 09 at 08:04 AM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



**Chris Koselansky** - May 08 at 06:51 PM



“ Grandma I truly hope you know how much you meant to me. I am grateful for all of the time that we spent together, and how you took Lauren in and loved her like she was your own. Over the years, you and I spent so many hours together talking about cats (Sabrina and Missy and of course my Mama Kitty and Squeaker) and looking and so many pictures and videos of them! You loved Detroit sports for so many years (namely the red wings and tigers) and I loved hearing you talk about them. It's funny, because you loved cats and hockey before I did, and now they are my favorite things. I think we all have a part of us that is so much like you grandma, and that helps remind us that you are here with us forever <3

**Chris Koselansky** - May 08 at 06:28 PM



“ Grandma's love passed gently to all of us in so many ways. She loved you & everyone so much, as the family continued to grow. Yes she will be part of us always!

**Cindy Koselansky** - May 08 at 07:44 PM



“ Chris, Thank you for being there for Grandma. You were a beloved first grandchild who was greatly cherished.

**Linda Hodor** - May 09 at 08:08 AM

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“ 92 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 07 at 04:25 PM

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“ God bless you cindy and family, prayers are with you, just know she is safe now.

**Jane Galanty** - May 07 at 03:14 PM



“ Thank you Jane for your prayers & support for me & my family. My Mom is safe in heaven with Our Lord.

**Cindy Koselansky** - May 08 at 07:49 PM

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“ I miss you great grandma. I hope you feel good. I love you great grandma and I remember that I use to come to your nursing home.

From  
Theo

**laura** - May 07 at 11:54 AM



“ Theo, Great Grandma loved when you visited her! She also loved all the pictures you made for her. You made her smile!

Love, Grandma

**Linda** - May 07 at 11:59 AM



“ Theo, Great Grandma is sending you a big hug right now. You are such a special great grandson! Love, Aunt Pam

**Pamela Ferrini** - May 07 at 10:03 PM



“ Thank you Theo for all your love & special drawings for Great Grandma. She loved when you came to see her. Most of all....she loved you so much! Love, Aunt Cindy

**Cindy Koselansky** - May 07 at 10:03 PM



“ Theo, you have such a big and beautiful heart! Great Grandma loved you so much. You always brought her joy! We all enjoyed the pictures your drew for her, especially the police car drawing for the rainbow parade at the nursing home. Love, Aunt Kim

**Kim Schepke** - May 08 at 09:31 PM

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“ Dearest Cindy, Linda, Pam, Kim, Lori and Eddie..... I was filled with sorrow, hearing of the passing of my Aunt Phyllis. A Beautiful person in inside and out. Both of your Parent's have brought up such a lovely Family. Children with strong virtues, morals, compassion and integrity. They, have done so in turn, with their own Children. So many memories and pictures fill my Heart !!! My Aunt, always encouraged me to go on with my Life, after my Mother (sister-in-law) passed. Silly, as it sound, I will remember her for her love of chocolate cake and ice ream on her Birthday! .....and No one made better. City Chicken! May the Angels walk with you!

**Carla Kress** - May 06 at 03:57 PM



“ Thank you Carla. We have so many beautiful memories of our families celebrating holidays and special occasions together with yours. Love, Linda

**Linda Hodor** - May 06 at 05:48 PM



“ Thank you Carla for your thoughtful words. Love, Cindy

**Cindy Koselansky** - May 06 at 06:09 PM



“ Thank you Carla for sharing your thoughtful memories and kind words. Love, Lori

**Lori Conklin** - May 06 at 07:06 PM



“ Thank you Carla for your very special words. We have such fond memories of spending holidays with you, Chris, Aunt Natalie and Uncle Jim. You are very special to us. Love, Pam

**Pamela Ferrini** - May 06 at 10:23 PM



“ Thank you Carla for your special tribute. We have been blessed with wonderful memories with your family. Yes, she did love her ice cream!!! Love, Kim

**KIM SCHEPKE** - May 06 at 11:44 PM

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“ Dear Kim and family,

There's a special place in all of our hearts for our mothers, just like there's a special place in every mother's heart for her children. You must continue to carry her memory in that special place in your heart. I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your mother.

God Bless,

Rita Rentenback



Rita Rentenback - May 05 at 05:49 PM

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“ Darlene, Marcella & Rochelle Dobrowolski purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Marie Rutkowski.



Darlene, Marcella & Rochelle Dobrowolski - May 05 at 12:15 PM

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“ To our dearest friend, Mrs Rutkowski..we grew up with you and Mr Rutkowski and your kids on St Louis...our grandparents lived next door and me and my two sisters had another mom and dad in you both..your kids became our best friends that we have known for many, many years..thank you for allowing our family to be with your family...the old neighborhood will never be the same..to your kids, we send our love and prayers and we are so sorry we can't be there with you in person at this time..we shall miss you and will hold those long ago memories in that special place in our hearts...rest in peace Mrs Rutkowski..Fly free with the angels in heaven



Darlene, Marcella & Rochelle Dobrowolski - May 04 at 11:19 PM



“ Thank you Darlene, Marcella(Marcy)& Rochelle for your kind words. Love, Cindy

Cindy Koselansky - May 04 at 11:41 PM



“ Thank you Darlene, Marcy and Rochelle. We have lots of memories growing up next door. Can't believe how much time has passed. Linda :)

**Linda** - May 05 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you so much for your thoughtful words Darlene, Marcy, & Rochelle. We do have great memories of our friendship. I'm glad we grew up together. With Love, Kim

**Kim Schepke** - May 05 at 12:41 PM



“ Darlene, Marcy and Rochelle, thank you for your kind words. Our memories of time spent with you are held dear to our hearts. Love, Pam.

**Pamela Ferrini** - May 05 at 08:09 PM



“ Thank you for flowers you're sending. Love, Cindy

**Cindy Koselansky** - May 06 at 06:20 PM



“ Thank you so much Darlene, Marcy, and Rochelle for your thoughtful words and for the flowers you are sending. Love, Lori

**Lori Conklin** - May 06 at 07:03 PM

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“ She was such a wonderful woman. She had a heart of gold. I remember her being so kind and gentle. She was a woman who had a lot of wisdom. One definite attribute she had was that she LOVED her family. It's such a BLESSING that she was able to see so many grandchildren and great grandchildren. What a heritage she leaves behind! She will definitely be missed ☐

**Ann Chupick** - May 04 at 08:53 PM



“ Thank you so much Ann. As I mentioned to your sister Amy, my mom was so happy and thankful to know I had such wonderful caring friends like you in my life.

**Lori Conklin** - May 04 at 10:01 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words Ann. We always enjoyed your presence in our lives & being such a good friend to Lori.

**Kim Schepke** - May 05 at 01:04 PM

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“ My Beautiful Mom...I will always cherish all our times together. We could make each other laugh so hard, especially when I tried to teach you to drive in the cemetery. I will always remember the times singing, dancing & praying together. Nothing was ever more important to you than your family & being with us. You loved all of us including your son-in-laws & daughter-in-law, as if they were your own. You were the Best Mom & Grandma! You were always very loving & compassionate lending the best ear. I will miss you dearly (& so will McDonald's). You're with Dad & Eddie in heaven now. I love you Mom. I'll see you later Alligator! Love, Cindy

**Cindy Koselansky** - May 04 at 08:34 PM



“ I love this. You always had the best stories with your mom. Thinking of you and your sisters today. Love, Chris

**Christine** - May 07 at 11:22 AM

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“ A beautiful woman who did a FABULOUS job (along w/ her husband) in raising all of their wonderful children instilling in them great character. Her legacy lives on! She will be missed!

**Amy Swarts** - May 04 at 08:15 PM



“ Thank you Amy. She was so happy and thankful I had such wonderful caring friends like you in my life

**Lori Conklin** - May 04 at 08:29 PM



“ Thank you Amy for your kind tribute to our mom. We are blessed that you have been a part of our lives and a special friend to Lori.

**Kim Schepke** - May 05 at 01:10 PM

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“ I was truly blessed with a wonderful mother-in-law. Phyllis loved and supported her family unconditionally. Her smile and laugh was contagious. I remember how Eddie could always make you laugh when he would say Hey Phil how's it going? In the same tone of voice as your husband. We both knew I was your favorite daughter-in-law as I was your only daughter-in-law which would always make you laugh and smile when I said that to you. You are with your son and husband and now at peace. You will be forever missed and will always have a place in my heart. I will treasure all the memories. Much love to a beautiful and strong woman. May you rest in peace Phyllis.

**Gail Rutkowski** - May 04 at 07:34 PM

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“ It was a pleasure knowing your mom. She was a beautiful person - May God Bless all of you during this time.

**Arlette P** - May 04 at 06:39 PM



“ Thank you Arlette. My mom loved and enjoyed our laughs together

**Lori Conklin** - May 04 at 06:52 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words Arlette. We appreciate you being a part of our lives and being such a special friend to Lori.

**Kim Schepke** - May 05 at 01:15 PM



“ Mom was such a beautiful person inside and out. She had and displayed such a tremendous amount of love for her children and grandchildren. Mom had a great sense of style back in her days and loved ordering clothes from QVC when she was working at the bank. I think I know where I get my passion for fashion from! We had so many wonderful memories. One that I truly adore is before Mom and Dad would leave out of the house to go play Bingo, Mom would ask Dad every time, "Do you have your hankie, wallet, & keys?" And I would always give them a kiss before they left. Mom, I am sure Dad is ready to play Bingo with you again! I love you so much Mom and will miss you dearly.

**Lori Conklin** - May 04 at 06:07 PM

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“ Mom set a beautiful example of how to have patience, love and humility. One of the fondest (or should I say funniest?) memories is when Mom and Dad attended a school ceremony for me. I'm not sure who did it first, but one of them spilled their entire coffee. Not too much later, the other did the same thing! While I was embarrassed, the two of them just laughed! Mom, you have always loved dancing and you have passed that down to your children and grandchildren. Alexander was the first on the dance floor at his prom! May you dance in heaven Mom! I love you so much. Pam

**Pamela Ferrini** - May 04 at 05:04 PM

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“ I admired Mom's patience and understanding. She was such a great listener. Her responses were short, sweet, and wise. I always think of what she would say whenever I have a problem or when I try to help someone. Such a beautiful person inside and out. I will always hold her dear to my heart. I love you Mom, Kim

**Kim Schepke** - May 04 at 01:18 PM

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“ I always felt my faith was passed on to me from Mom. I was always drawn to it through her and through Our Blessed Mother Mary. I am a better mother because of Mom's example. She was a role model of humility and sacrifice. She worked very hard to take care of her six children and never asked for anything in return. She's why I dance and sing and love Elvis music. I hope I will be as graceful as she was in my later years.  
With All My Love to you Mom, Linda

**Linda Hodor** - May 04 at 12:25 PM

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“ What I remember most about Mom is the day I proposed to her daughter Linda. We went to Linda’s parent’s home to announce our engagement. Her mother was happy and cheerful but her father said “no”. Linda’s mom’s love and persuasion convinced Dad to allow me to marry her daughter. Love you Mom

**Daniel Hodor** - May 04 at 11:22 AM